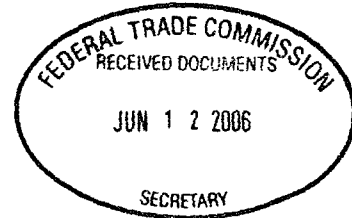


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May 30, 2006

Federal Trade Commission, Office of the secretary, Room H-135 (Annex W)
RE: Business Opportunity Rule R511993
600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing because I am appalled at the proposed Rule R511993. My husband and I are retirees who are totally dependant on a home-based business for survival. At age 59 my healthy and actively employed husband was in an accident caused by a red light runner. He received a closed-head injury that caused trauma-induced Parkinson's and spinal injuries. He was given a 100% disability to ever work again. After 4 years we had exhausted all of our retirement funds and were deeply in debt. I did a lot of research and came up with a direct sales company with great integrity, with a product that was truly helping mankind. The company is Mannatech, Inc. It literally gave us back our lives, and now is taking care of our future.

Thanks to direct selling from my home I was able to care for my husband, pay all of our incurred debts and become self-supporting, without resorting to bankruptcy or welfare! I have worked as a Mannatech Associate doing direct selling for 11 years now. It is the only kind of work I could have done at this time in my life, with these results. I am in my 70's.

I consider this rule of be exceptionally discriminatory! The only way it could ever be passed fairly would be if the same rules were applied to al types of selling. Can you imagine the havoc that would be caused if everyone had to wait 7 days before purchasing food, gas, medicines, or anything they needed immediately?

This Rule is an insult to our intelligence and a black blot on Americans' prized and fought for freedom!

I think that the vigilance of the FDA needs to be better applied to the pharmaceutical companies, who are producing drugs that are now the third leading cause of deaths in our country – from ones that are properly prescribed! That is a life and death matter that is in their hands, yet these lethal substances slip through at this alarming rate.

There is no way that I could invade the privacy of others who have purchased the products I am selling, by revealing their names to my prospect, any more than any other retailer could do. All of the new privacy laws would become a farce if this were required! Besides, I work with a nationwide company whose reps have no territories. We have no way of knowing who is buying our products in the vicinity of our prospective sale!.

Please honor those of us who are trying to stay well by taking charge of our own health
through our choice of improved nutrition and lifestyle, and VOTE NO TO RULE
R511993

Sincerely,



Carol Koester